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May 8, 1998

Mr. Joseph Joyce
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Re: Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) Schedule for Marine Corps Air Station El Toro

Dear Mr. Joyce:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received your letter dated May 6, 1998 requesting an FFA schedule extension for submitting design documents for Operable Unit (OU) 2A - Site 24 Vadose Zone. Your letter states that an additional three months are needed by the Navy to submit the design related documents because of protracted negotiations with the Air Force to bring the Soil Vapor Extraction System (SVE) to MCAS El Toro, and to coordinate with the Local Reuse Agency, the actual placement of the SVE equipment and associated piping.

EPA finds the reasons for your extension request to be reasonable, however, the additional time means that the design related documents are now scheduled to be submitted in August, 1998. This is the same time frame that a draft Proposed Plan, a draft Record of Decision, and a draft Remedial Investigation Report are also scheduled to be submitted for agency review. This will present a considerable workload for the oversight agencies. Therefore, I request that the Base Closure Team (BCT) discuss by phone conference or a meeting, staggering this work over a different period.

I recommend we schedule such a meeting/conference call the week of May 11. Please contact me at your earliest convenience to arrange this.

Sincerely,

Glenn R. Kistner
Remedial Project Manager
Federal Facilities Cleanup Branch

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